provides loan on marketing, storage, processing of agriculture produce. NCDC Act has been amended to widen its scope of activities to cover livestock, cottage and village industries, handicrafts, rural crafts and certain notified services besides facilitating NCDC to lend directly to cooperative societies without State Governments guarantee on certain prescribed terms and conditions.

(c) Schemes for back-ended credit-linked financial incentives for taking up storage/cold storage, post harvest processing and value addition are under implementation for providing infrastructure to agriculture. The programmes which are being implemented for generating rural employment and creation of rural assets are :

(i) Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)

(ii) Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY)

(iii) Rural Housing - Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

Utilisation of Central Assistance

5078. SHRI B. J.PANDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private firms have been appointed to monitor the use of Central funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has issued directives to the Cabinet Secretary and others to ensure fool-proof system for optimum utilization of the Central funds for flood, cyclone, drought, etc. in the affected States and village development;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the position of Orissa with regard to utilization of the Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) As per information available. Ministry of Rural Development has identified 28 local based independent Research Institutes/Organisations to obtain monthly physical and financial progress of the rural development schemes in 125 districts of 20 States. Agencies also verify physical achievements and generate periodic qualitative reports.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Against revised outlay of Rs. 2550 crores, the Government of Orissa has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 2469.18 crores during 2002-03.